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The Election of United States Senators at the Coming Session of the Legislature.

The members of the West Virginia Legislature who meet to-morrow will be called at an early day in the session to proceed to the election of two United States Senators, one to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Caperton, now being temporarily filled by Hon. Samuel Price, of Greenbrier, and the other to succeed Henry G. Davis, whose term expires on the 4th of March next.

Up to the Act of Congress of July 25th, 1866, there was no United States statute specifically directing the mode of electing Senators in Congress, although the Constitution of the United States always conferred that power on Congress "except as to the places of choosing Senators." The Constitutional provision is as follows:

SEC. 4, Art. I.—"The times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by law make or alter such regulations, except as to the places of choosing Senators."

The act of July 25th, 1866, was framed to meet cases where the two branches of the Legislature in any State, being controlled by opposite parties in politics, refuse to unite in joint ballot, and thus stave off an election until some party advantage can be gained, by the election, perhaps, of a new Legislature. The act passed at that time, and which now controls elections for U. S. Senators, is as follows:

SEC. 14. The Legislature of each State which is choosing a Senator, upon the expiration of the time for which any Senator was elected to represent such State in Congress, shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a Senator in Congress.

Sec. 15. Such election shall be conducted in the following manner: Each house shall open by a viva voce vote of each member present, name one person for Senator in Congress from such State, and the name of the person so voted for who receives a majority of the whole number of votes cast in each house shall be entered on the journal of that house by the clerk or secretary thereof; or if such house fails to give such majority to any person on that day the fact shall be entered on the journal. At twelve o'clock meridian of the day following that on which proceedings are required to take place as aforesaid, the members of the two houses shall convene in joint assembly and the journal of each house shall then be read, and if the same person shall have received a majority of all the votes in each house he shall be declared duly elected Senator. But if the same person has not received a majority of the votes in each house, or if either house has failed to take proceedings as required by this section, the joint assembly shall then proceed to choose a viva voce vote of each member present a person for Senator, and the person who receives a majority of all the votes of the joint assembly, a majority of all the members elected to both houses being present, shall be declared duly elected. If no person receives such a majority on the first day, the joint assembly shall meet at twelve o'clock meridian of each succeeding day during the session of the Legislature, and shall take at least one vote until a Senator is elected.

Reflections of a Democrat on the Late Louisiana Election.

Belleair, O., January 8, 1877.

The man who is true to his convictions, and who has manliness and independence enough to advance the cause of consequence, will not be deterred by the most antagonistic opinion. The INTELLIGENCER has repeatedly demonstrated the fact that it represents a patriotic man in above party, and is bound only by true love for his country. The people of this country, without distinction of party, are not dull—they are admirable judges of facts if not of theories, and if either Tilden or Hayes should be declared elected through fraud and chicanery of any kind, they will pay the penalty of their own guilt. I have tried to convince myself, that I could view the present critical situation without party prejudice—a hard task, but one I hope to have accomplished. The election has been so close, and the testimony in the disputed states so contradictory, the opinions of astute, moderate, honest men so wide apart, that it is not to be wondered at, that the mass of the adherents of both parties firmly and conscientiously believe that their party has been successful. I am in quest of truth, and prefer to talk to Republicans that they may have a chance to sift and expose any false or erroneous conclusions I may reach. Facts, not theories, are the important factors by which this intricate problem must be ciphered out. I will call your attention to a few. First, upon the face of the returns Tilden has been elected, for these give Louisiana to him, however, there is a Return from Bogalusa, power to canvass and throw out, under certain restrictions, certain polls. That Board rightfully or wrongly, as the case may be, threw out enough votes to give the State to Hayes. That Board was composed entirely of Republicans, although there was a vacancy in it which should have been filled with a Democrat. Again, according to Republican history, the members of that Board were badly tainted. Two ugly facts stand in the way of their conclusion that they have acted fairly in this case. There were in that State acts of intimidation and gross frauds, which no man condemns more heartily than I do, but those acts were by no means confined to one party, nor were they of such a character as in my opinion should have invalidated the election. The State Government, since the war, has been excessively corrupt—all parties agree on this point. It is doing gross injustice to the facts in the case, as well as to the intelligence of the colored voters, to presume that they were not cognizant of this fact and that they were not influenced by it in the last election. It is no uncommon thing in the North to see nearly all the employees of some of our large manufacturing establishments voting the same ticket the owners vote, on the principle that whatever would advance the employers' interests would also advance the employees' interests. It is strange that the colored voters of the South should act also upon this principle? Under the laws of Louisiana this Returning Board had no power to canvass and throw out any vote of any parish or voting place, unless a written protest fully described in the law was made by the officers conducting the election and accompanied the returns, which were to be made at a fixed date. If this Returning Board had not perjured themselves by violating this law, they would be compelled to give the State to Tilden. They have counted in Hayes, and it is claimed that if they have done wrong it is in their misfortune, as Congress has no power to go behind their action—that their action is final and conclusive. This view is not only at war with Republican principles, but it would count Tilden in by the action of the

Governor. The Returning Board of Oregon. It is easy to say that the cases are not analogous, that Oregon was Republican beyond a controversy. It is true that Oregon was Republican, but the Governor of the State certified to the election of Cronin, a Democrat, and claimed that his action was sustained by law and by precedent, as one of the Republican electors was ineligible. I should deprecate the election of Tilden by Cronin's vote, even if the law was on the side of the Governor, of which fact, I entertain serious doubts.

Yours truly for the right, TIMOTHY.

A NOVEL TAX SYSTEM.

Land the Sole Basis—Every Owner a Sub-Collector—An Illustration.

To the Editor of the N. Y. Tribune.

Sir: In what are called free governments taxation for the support of the State is commonly levied upon the inhabitants in proportion to their ascertainable wealth, no distinction being made in the rates imposed on the real and personal property. The failure of this plan to secure from each resident an equitable contribution toward defraying the expenses of the government should satisfy men that they are traveling in the wrong direction. The frauds practiced constantly in the concealment of personal property, the evasion of the payment of custom duties, and the facility of the attempt to collect poll taxes, constitute what are known as "arrearages," and form a part of the succeeding annual tax law to be paid of course by the honest portion of the community only. In this consists the inherent evil of our present system.

In order to perfect any plan of taxation three things are necessary: First, absolute certainty of collection; second, facility of levy; third, equality of the distribution of the tax. In order that absolute certainty of the collection of the tax may be attained the tax should be laid on something that in its own essence is indestructible, incapable of being changed in its form, or of being transported beyond the reach of the taxing power. It is obvious that land is the sole object that can fulfill these conditions. As to facility of levy, it is apparent that upon no other species of property can a tax, whether specific or ad valorem, be laid with equal ease and certainty as upon land. To an intelligent board of assessors, with properly prepared maps, the task of apportionment could only be simple. As to equality of distribution it may also be affirmed, that a tax upon land furnishes the only certain means whereby every member of a given community may be assessed and caused to pay his just proportion of its necessary expenses. The method of collection in the majority of cases would, of course, be indirect. But in this feature lies its greatest advantage, rendering it, indeed, impossible of evasion.

I will suppose the City of New York to have adopted the plan of defraying its expenses by a land tax alone, and a building to stand on ground on which a tax on which is \$10,000. The building itself is rented to 10 different persons, engaged in various occupations. The owner of the building, in computing the amount of rental necessary to make him an adequate return for his outlay in the cost of the ground, edifice and repairs, would add, of course, the increased land tax under the new system, and apportion the whole among his tenants. The clothier who rented a part of the building would sell the year 100,000 garments, ranging in price from \$1.50, but each bearing in its increased price its share of the tax, paid in the shape of rent by the clothier to his landlord, and by the latter to the tax-receiver. Water will not more surely find its level than would a tax thus levied diffuse and equate itself among all classes of society. The practical effect of the measure would be to make every landowner a sub-collector of taxes, his land being the security for his liability.

The advantages and protection afforded by an organized community to its members are purely personal matters, and under this view it is difficult to perceive the justice of taxing citizens according to their wealth. If the property of a man is worth \$100,000 of improved land, and that of B. of a house and lot worth \$50,000, the latter, whose house has the protection of the police and fire departments, in paying only half the amount for taxes that A. pays, seems entitled to enjoy, particularly the better position.

South Orange, N. J., Dec. 27, 1876.

Illinois School Statistics.

1875.	1876.
Total number of public schools.....	11,707
Average number of pupils.....	69,410
Number of male pupils enrolled.....	335,609
Number of female pupils enrolled.....	698,441
Number of male teachers.....	9,288
Number of female teachers.....	12,229
Total number of teachers.....	21,517
Number of graded schools.....	723
Number of ungraded schools.....	10,984
Number of public high schools.....	135
Number of private schools.....	1,018
Male pupils in private schools.....	24,512
Female pupils in private schools.....	25,770
Average number of pupils during the year.....	2,922
Acres remaining unimproved.....	9,638
Number of school-land-owners.....	2,324
Number of school-land-owners.....	1,187
Number of wood school-land-owners.....	9,443
Number of log school-land-owners.....	8,611
Number of school-land-owners.....	20,020

1875.	1876.
Value of school property.....	\$17,073,722
Highest monthly salary paid any male teacher.....	\$30
Same paid any female teacher.....	23
Lowest paid male teacher.....	13
Lowest paid female teacher.....	10
Average monthly salary paid to male teachers.....	48
Average monthly salary paid to female teachers.....	31

She Understood Her Business.

From the Cincinnati Saturday Star.

A young woman recently answered an advertisement for a dining-room girl, and the lady of the house seemed pleased with her. But before engaging her there were some questions to ask.

"Suppose," said the lady—"now only suppose, understand—that you were carrying a piece of steak from the kitchen, the plate to the floor, what would you do in such a case?"

The girl looked the lady square in the eye for a moment before asking: "Is it a private family or are there boarders?"

"Boarders," answered the lady. "Pick up and put it back on the plate," firmly replied the girl. She was engaged.

We understand that the work on the Belleair and Southwestern railroad is going on as fast as usual, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. Work to the amount of about \$20,000 per month is being performed, and everything is moving directly. The work on the bridge east of this side of McMahon's creek is almost finished, and it is expected that the bridge will be completed in two weeks.

Belleair, Lauder.

Gov. TILDEN has determined to go to Washington, whether as President or private citizen, so the Washington correspondents say. He has decided to take up his residence there this winter upon the recommendation of his party leaders, so that he can hold down the Democratic donkey's ears with his own hands. It will be a harder job than breaking up a canal ring.

DIED.

STIPE—On Sunday morning, at 9 o'clock, Mrs. Frances Stipe, in the 64th year of her age. The funeral will take place from the residence of her mother, Mrs. Robert Hamilton, 12th street, on Tuesday (this) morning, at 10 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

BONE—On Sunday evening, January 7, 1877, at 8:23 o'clock, Mrs. BELL BONE, wife of Alexander Bone, Jr., 1216 McCulloch street, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

(Baltimore and Wheeling papers please copy.)

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Specialties for Families.
Coxs' and Remens' Reduced Gelatines, Choice Serrano and Madeira Wines, Corn Starch, superior grade, Tapioca, very fine and white, Pure Syrup, for puddings, Colgate's Carborundum Dental Soap, Colgate's Toilet Soap, Hairine's Barber and Bath Soap, Talisman's Fine Perfumes, English Nail and Tooth Brushes, Buffalo Hair Brushes, Boston Dressing Combs, French Hair Oil and Pomades, And all other Druggists' Sundries, at
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CITY SERGEANT.

MEMOR. EDITORS—I announce myself as a candidate for the office of City Sergeant at the coming Charter Election, subject to the decision of the ballot box.
JAS. CALDER SYLVIA.

SUPERINTENDENT WATER WORKS.

MEMOR. EDITORS—Please announce ALEXANDER MORRISON as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Water Works at the coming Charter Election, subject to the decision of the ballot box.
MANY VOTERS.

SUPERINTENDENT WATER WORKS.

MEMOR. EDITORS—Please announce JOHN W. CUSHING as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Water Works, subject to the decision of the Democratic Convention.
JAS.

CITY CLERK.

MEMOR. EDITORS—Please announce P. A. BRITT, Esq., as a candidate for election to the office of City Clerk at the coming Charter Election, and oblige him.
MANY FRIENDS.

STREET COMMISSIONER.

MEMOR. EDITORS—Please announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Street Commissioner at the coming Municipal Election, and oblige me.
ANDREW H. BRITT.

CITY SERGEANT.

MEMOR. EDITORS—Please announce the undersigned as a candidate for the office of City Sergeant at the coming Charter Election, and oblige me.
D. NESBITT.

CITY CLERK.

MEMOR. EDITORS—Please announce FRANK JOHNSON as a candidate for the office of City Clerk at the coming Charter Election, and oblige me.
MANY FRIENDS.

STREET COMMISSIONER.

MEMOR. EDITORS—Please announce the name of ROBERT J. KIRKIN, Esq., as a candidate for the office of Street Commissioner at the coming Charter Election, and oblige me.
MANY VOTERS.

CITY SERGEANT.

MEMOR. EDITORS—At the coming Charter Election, I beg leave to announce that I will be a candidate for City Sergeant at the coming January election.
STACK HAMILTON.

STREET COMMISSIONER.

I announce myself as a candidate for the office of Street Commissioner, subject to the decision of the City Democratic Nominating Convention.
ROBERT CHAFFOLD.

CITY SERGEANT.

MEMOR. EDITORS—Please announce the name of STEPHEN RIPLEY as a candidate for the office of City Sergeant at the coming Charter Election, and oblige me.
MANY VOTERS.

ANNOUNCEMENT—CITY SERGEANT.

At the request of many friends, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of City Sergeant, at the coming Charter Election.
ROBT. COWAN.

CITY SERGEANT.

MEMOR. EDITORS—Announce the undersigned as a candidate for City Sergeant at the coming Charter Election, and oblige me.
THOS. MCCORMICK.

STREET COMMISSIONER—MORRIS.

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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Newwood Iron Works for election of Directors will be held at the office of the company, No. 11 Fourteenth street, on Tuesday, the 23d January, 1877, at 7 o'clock P. M.
ALONZO LORING, Secretary.

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JAS.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the LaBelle Iron Works will be held at the office of the company, on Tuesday, 23d inst., at 10:30 A. M.
J. H. WOODWARD, Secretary.

WHEELING HINGE CO.—ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company, for the election of Directors, will be held at the office of the company, Tuesday, January 23, 1877, at 2 o'clock P. M.
O. B. CALDWELL, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Franklin Insurance Company, Monday evening, January 8th, a cash dividend of four (4) per cent was declared, payable on demand.
T. P. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fire & Marine Insurance Company of Wheeling, W. Va., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the company, on Tuesday, January 23, 1877, between the hours of 11 and 2 o'clock.
C. H. COLLIER, Sec'y.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wheeling Towing and Barge Company for the election of Directors will be held at the office of the company, on Tuesday, January 23, 1877, at 10 o'clock P. M.
GEO. K. WHEAT, Pres't.

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